

## **Solano Irrigation District**

Over the last nine years, Solano Irrigation District has promoted partnerships and pooled resources to implement a model regional conservation program directed by well-qualified and innovative professionals.

During that time, the Solano Irrigation District has served as the chair for the Solano Agricultural Water Conservation Committee. The committee consists of several water districts and firms specializing in agricultural services. Under the Solano Irrigation District's leadership, the committee has:

- Implemented an irrigation system evaluation program
- Developed a state of the art website on irrigation and weather management information
- Developed an irrigation scheduling hotline
- Sponsored on-going grower workshops
- Published a quarterly irrigation newsletter, "The Irrigation" and mailed to 800 growers countywide
- Implemented Hand-Held Data Recorders to measure water used by customers
- Implemented a Spill Recording Program to document all spills in order to track water use, reduce spills, and facilitate the creation of a water balance.

These projects and many more by the Solano Irrigation District have succeeded through hard work and perseverance. They have set many examples in the water industry through their water use efficiency practices. Because of their relentless efforts toward water conservation and willingness to demonstrate innovative and effective water conservation practices, Solano Irrigation District has been awarded the 2001 Commissioner's Water Conservation Award for the Mid-Pacific Region.